

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/774,885

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment on 11/30/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 5,6,8-10,12,13,18-23,25,26 and 29-33.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.


Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 11/10/2006
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


ANH HONG DO
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks (page 13), filed 11/30/2006, with respect to claims 5, 6, 8-10, 12, 13, 18-23, 25, 26, 29-32 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection and objection of claims 5, 6, 8-10, 12, 13, 18-23, 25, 26, 29-32 has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 5, 6, 8-10, 12, 13, 18-23, 25, 26, 29-33 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

* All rejected claims have been canceled to place the application in allowance condition;

* All objected dependent claims have been rewritten into independent forms to include all allowable subject matters and all the limitation of the base claims and any intervening claims;

* The present invention provides a new image storage and display system that transmits required image data expediently (specification, page 5, lines 11-14).

Particularly, the new system comprises the following features, which the prior art taken either singly or in combination does not teach:

- wherein said storage control means... to a progressively extractable data-compression process, and wherein said acquisition means... compressed image data (see independent claim 5);

- deleting the original image data and/or the reversible compressed image data from high readout-speed capable storage medium after a predetermined period of time has elapsed (see independent claims 8-10);

- wherein the two irreversible compressed images are created using different compression ratios (see independent claim 25);

- wherein a plurality of compression ratios are selectable by the storage control means based on a type of apparatus creating the original image data (see independent claim 26);

Regarding claims 29 and 31, the prior art, either taken singly or in combination, does not teach:

- said storage control means assigns a parameter or parameters representing an image quality to each said version of said image data and stores each said version of said image data in said storage medium (see independent claims 29 and 31);

- said storage control means assigns a parameter or parameters representing an image quality to each version of image data corresponding to said image data group and stores each said version of said image data corresponding to said image data group in said storage medium (see independent claims 30 and 32).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANH H. DO whose telephone number is 571-272-7433. The examiner can normally be reached on 5/4-9.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MATTHEW BELLA can be reached on 571-272-7778. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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